



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
March 14-15, 2013

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on March 14-15, 2013 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and refuge volunteer Rebecca Browers with 34 species recorded. What a difference a week makes. Last week the refuge was still over 90% ice covered. The recent warm temperatures have melted nearly all of the snow and much of the ice. However, portions of the refuge were still ice covered, especially some of the larger units on the east and west ends as the refuge transitions for winter to spring. Winter species such as bald eagle and rough-legged hawk were sighted. Spring migrating waterfowl were abundant. Recent arrivals include American avocet, cinnamon teal, American white pelican, double-crested cormorant, and sandhill crane. The first Clark's grebe and Franklin's gull of the year were sighted as were some early long-billed dowitchers.

Tundra swan	7,453	Unknown ducks	860
Snow goose	1	Pied-billed grebe	3
Canada goose	498	Clark's grebe	1
Mallard	4,865	American white pelican	54
Northern pintail	40,689	Double-crested cormorant	449
American green-winged teal	9,021	Great blue heron	44
Cinnamon teal	85	Killdeer	42
Northern shoveler	6,404	American avocet	105
Gadwall	2,808	Long-billed dowitcher	5
American wigeon	9,616	Franklin's gull	1
Canvasback	4,165	Ring-billed gull	442
Redhead	6,881	California gull	8,068
Lesser scaup	2,812	American coot	2,931
Common goldeneye	3,153	Sandhill crane	15
Bufflehead	172	Bald eagle	23
Common merganser	16	Northern harrier	2
Ring-necked duck	95	Rough-legged hawk	7
Ruddy duck	2,608		

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